

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, 09/10/2024 – 5:45 p.m.
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Fortado, Greer, Hanauer-Friedmann **(5:55)**, Locke, Lokshin, Owen, Peugh, Rodriguez, Rogers **(5:55)**, Straub, Taylor, Vanichtheeranont

Absent: Carter, Cowart, Stohr, Thorsland

1. **Call to Order:** 5:45 pm

2. **Approval of the Agenda–**

a. Moved by Vanichtheeranont, second by Lokshin
unanimous approval.

3. **Approval of the Minutes from August 13, 2024.**

a. Moved by Lokshin, second by Locke
unanimous approval

4. **Public Participation–**

a. None

5. **Announcements/Communications–**

a. Member Peugh: Pride Parade is coming. Member Peugh then accused Democrats of putting a dead cat with feces on top of it on his porch. This was met with disgust and offense by many members of the caucus. He has not filed a police report.

6. **Review and Discussion of the COW Agenda**

a. Finance–

- i. (VII. A. 1.) RPC– Safe Streets and Roads for All– Passthrough
- ii. (VII. A. 2.) Early Childhood Facilities Payoff–
- iii. (VII. A. 3.) Expanding Head Start and Early Head Start in Ford, Iroquois, and Vermillion Counties. Passthrough
- iv. (VII. B. 2.) Bond Refunding– The amount we would save fluctuates all the

time and we won't know the exact amount until we do it.

- v. (VII. B. 1.) Employee Health Insurance and Benefit Plans for FY2025– If we can raise the out-of-pocket deductible that employees pay, we can drive down our insurance costs. An HRA would help to decrease these costs by paying \$3K of the \$5K deductible. This would save us 5% instead of a 12% increase in healthcare costs.
- vi. (VII.D. 2-3.) Cancellation of Certificate of Purchase
- vii. (VIII. A. 2. a-d.) Appointments
- viii. (X. A.) Closed Session

6. Next Caucus Meeting: September 19, 2024 @5:45pm

7. Adjournment 6:05 pm